

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-21 presently stand rejected. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,697,818 to Li et al. (hereinafter "Li et al."). This rejection has been made final.

Response to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Claim Rejection

Claims 1-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Li et al. The Patent Office asserts Li et al. teaches every element of each of claims 1-21.

The contentions of the Examiner as summarized above with respect to Claims 1-21 are respectfully traversed as described below.

As set forth in detail in Amendment A filed November 4, 2004, applicant respectfully maintains Li et al. does not teach every element of independent claims 1, 7, 14, 19, 20, and 21 and claims dependent therefrom. Further, applicant respectfully submits Li et al. is not a valid prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as is evidenced by the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 signed by the inventor and provided herewith.

Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, including Exhibits A and B. Exhibits A and B are true and accurate reproductions of a PowerPoint presentation file created prior to the earliest claimed priority date of Li et al. and describing the present invention as recited in claims 1-21. Reduced size copies of Exhibits A and B on 8.5" x 11" paper are provided for quick reference, along with paper copies of the exhibits at full size and a CD containing electronic copies of the exhibits. Each of the copies is identical to one another.

Applicant respectfully submits that the attached Declaration and Exhibits establish that the subject matter of the currently pending claims was invented prior to the earliest effective priority date of Li et al., which is June 14, 2001. Consequently, it

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is respectfully submitted that Li et al. cannot properly be relied upon as a prior art reference against the presently pending claims.

In view of the above discussion, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-21 on the basis of Li et al. Allowance of these claims is also requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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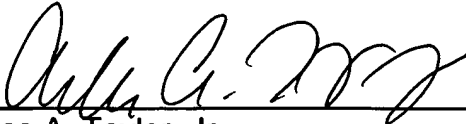
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Respectfully submitted,

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